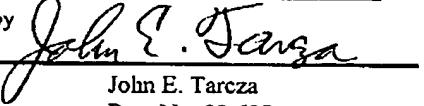


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Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection mailed December 1, 2004, wherein the Examiner set a three-month period for response, this response is timely filed. Attached hereto and incorporated by reference is a two-month extension of time making the due date for response May 1, 2005. Further, as the due date falls on a Sunday, filing this response on Monday May 2, 2005 is deemed timely. (See 37 CFR § 1.17(a)).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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